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## The 47 State and City Affiliates of the ACLU



By joining the national ACLU, you will join the affiliate in your area and participate in the defense of civil liberties on the local scene. (Except in Northern California where separate membership is maintained. However, the national ACLU also welcomes support from members in Northern California.)

### WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ACLU

"The American Civil Liberties Union...has been praised for its work by such men as President Truman, Thomas E. Dewey and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The ACLU is a group which fights for the rights of men everywhere to free speech, fair trial and equality before the law. Its leadership is as far removed from communism as General MacArthur himself..."

—The Atlanta Constitution

"The Civil Liberties Union...has defended the rights of free speech, free press, religious freedom, and academic freedom for all sorts of political groups and individuals—including race-baiters, semi-fascists, Communists, and other reactionaries as well as liberals..."

—The Des Moines Register

"I do not agree with a word you say," said Voltaire, 'but will defend to the death your right to say it.' It would be hard to find a more searching test of the genuineness of democratic sentiments than is implicit in this famous dictum. And it would be equally hard to find an organization that subjects itself to this test more often and more willingly than does the American Civil Liberties Union..."

—The Christian Science Monitor

## ACLU's structure:

The American Civil Liberties Union is a national organization with headquarters in New York. It was founded in 1920 to combat violations of the Bill of Rights resulting from post war hysteria directed against political dissenters.

Among the founders were Roger Baldwin, Jane Addams, Clarence Darrow, John Dewey, Morris Ernst, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur Garfield Hays, Helen Keller, Rabbi Judah Magnes, Monsignor John Ryan, and Norman Thomas.

Today there are 47 regional affiliates with over 140,000 members. Affiliate chapters carry the work into the local communities.

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# what are your rights?

Learn here how you can help all Americans by taking an active part in protecting America's cherished liberties.

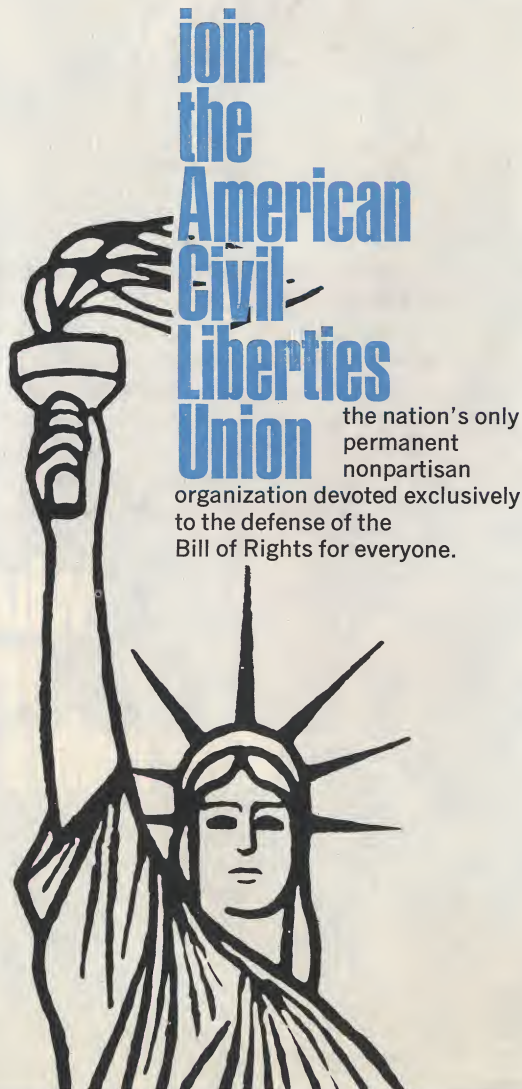


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— John F. Kennedy

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— Dwight D. Eisenhower



## what is the ACLU?

The purpose of the American Civil Liberties Union—and its only purpose—is the preservation and strengthening of the freedoms guaranteed to us under the Bill of Rights.

There are many government officials, special interest groups, and private citizens who think our constitutional guarantees of freedom of inquiry and expression, due process of law, and equality before the law should be denied to certain citizens whom they consider undeserving. They believe they have the right to decide who is or is not "deserving."

ACLU believes, as our nation's founding fathers believed, that no one should have the privilege of deciding who is deserving of the rights guaranteed to us under the Constitution. These rights belong to all—**without exception.**

## what we do

**THE COURTS** The everyday business of ACLU is helping people whose civil liberties have been violated.

Much of this work is in the courts. Each year, the ACLU enters into hundreds of court cases. We may supply counsel for the person whose civil liberties have been denied, or we may submit a "friend of the court" brief which argues the constitutional question at stake.

Many of the cases fought by the ACLU are of historic significance—such as the famed *Scopes v. State of Tennessee* "monkey trial." In recent years, ACLU and its affiliates have won many notable victories before the U.S. Supreme Court protecting rights of free speech, the right of peaceful protest, the right to counsel, freedom of the press and decisions banning religion in the public schools and the widespread evil of introducing illegally seized evidence in state courts.

Constant watchdog activities by ACLU affiliates across the nation are necessary to prevent unfair court procedures.

**THE COMMUNITY** Through contacts with public officials, ACLU is frequently able to secure the adoption of enlightened policies designed to protect and extend constitutional rights. For example, the ACLU of Greater Philadelphia some years ago secured the creation of the nation's first Police Review Board, an official agency to obtain redress for citizens aggrieved by unlawful police action.

When officials fail to take corrective action, ACLU can often be effective by arousing public interest. A noteworthy example is the report issued by the Illinois Division on "Secret Detention by the Chicago Police."

**THE LEGISLATURE** Many issues affecting civil liberties arise before the U.S. Congress and the various state legislatures.

ACLU has effectively supported anti-discrimination laws, legal assistance for the poor, the rights of Indian tribes and legislation to provide improved court procedures and reapportionment of state legislatures.

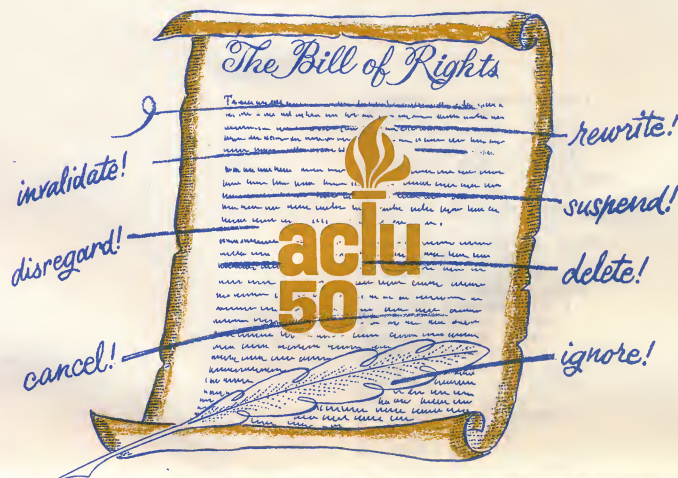
We have opposed loyalty oaths, magazine and film censorship, constitutional amendments designed to cripple the U.S. Supreme Court, the use of public funds for sectarian schools and curbs on academic freedom.

**THE PUBLIC FORUM** Educational efforts on behalf of the Bill of Rights are carried out through newspaper publicity, radio and TV appearances, pamphlets, and the regular bulletins of the ACLU. Many affiliates maintain active Speakers' Bureaus scheduling frequent appearances before church, civic, service and educational groups.



# American Civil Liberties Union

## IS 1984 CLOSER THAN WE THINK?



Dear Fellow American:

The Post Office opens and censors overseas mail of private citizens.

The Army maintains files on the political activities of people like Mrs. Martin Luther King and Julian Bond — as well as organizations and publications like the ACLU and "The Nation."

Attorney General Mitchell proposes a law that would require suspects in criminal cases to submit to finger printing, handwriting analysis, medical tests, etc., prior to being charged.

The government subpoenas reporters' notes and news broadcasters' films.

The American Civil Liberties Union is resisting these and many other challenges to established liberties by an Administration that promised to "bring the people together." Every denial of a constitutional right to one American chips away at the rights of all of us, and 1984 is closer than we think!

Richard Harris writes in Justice: The Crisis of Law, Order and Freedom in America:

"The policies of the right wing, repudiated in 1964, have become the policies of government today...people no longer seem to care what is happening in their country. They seem to have turned their common fate over to their leaders...Their leaders, convinced that this abdication means agreement, and that agreement means the public interest is being served, manage the people's affairs in a way that can only divide the country further. When the people finally awaken, they may find their freedoms gone, because the abandonment of the rule of law must bring on tyranny."

Will you sit idly by thus adding to the myth that a silent majority agrees with the cancellation of one constitutionally protected liberty after another? Today, when powerful forces are rallying to turn back the clock on the many victories for freedom won over the last decade, we ask you to join with 150,000 other vigilant Americans who are standing firm against any attempt to weaken the Bill of Rights.

Won't you join ACLU as a \$10 member (\$15 for Mr/Mrs membership) -- or send whatever you can. The postpaid envelope, returned, will help keep America a home of freedom.

This letter is being mailed to outside lists in an effort to enlarge ACLU's membership. It is impractical to check such lists against our present roster, or to eliminate duplicates. If you already belong, you could help the Union most by returning an additional contribution, or by using this letter to enroll a friend.

*John de J. Pemberton, Jr.*  
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During the 43 years of its existence the American Civil Liberties Union has played a significant role in defending our basic democratic freedoms. Your voice has always been raised clearly and sharply when our liberties have been threatened. America is a stronger nation for your uncompromising efforts.

—JOHN F. KENNEDY

During the span of years covered by your organization, the American people have given increased attention to progress in the field of civil rights. . . . It is good to be reminded that the members of the American Civil Liberties Union and the overwhelming majority of my fellow citizens are working together in this field with steadfast vigor and understanding.

—DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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